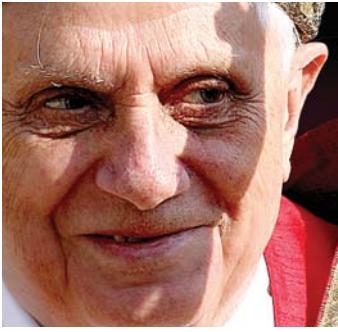


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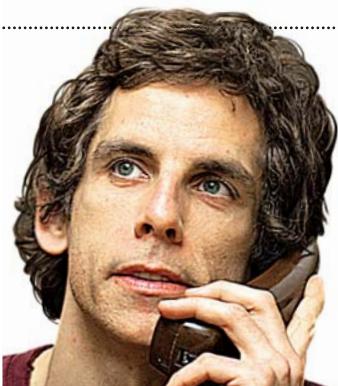


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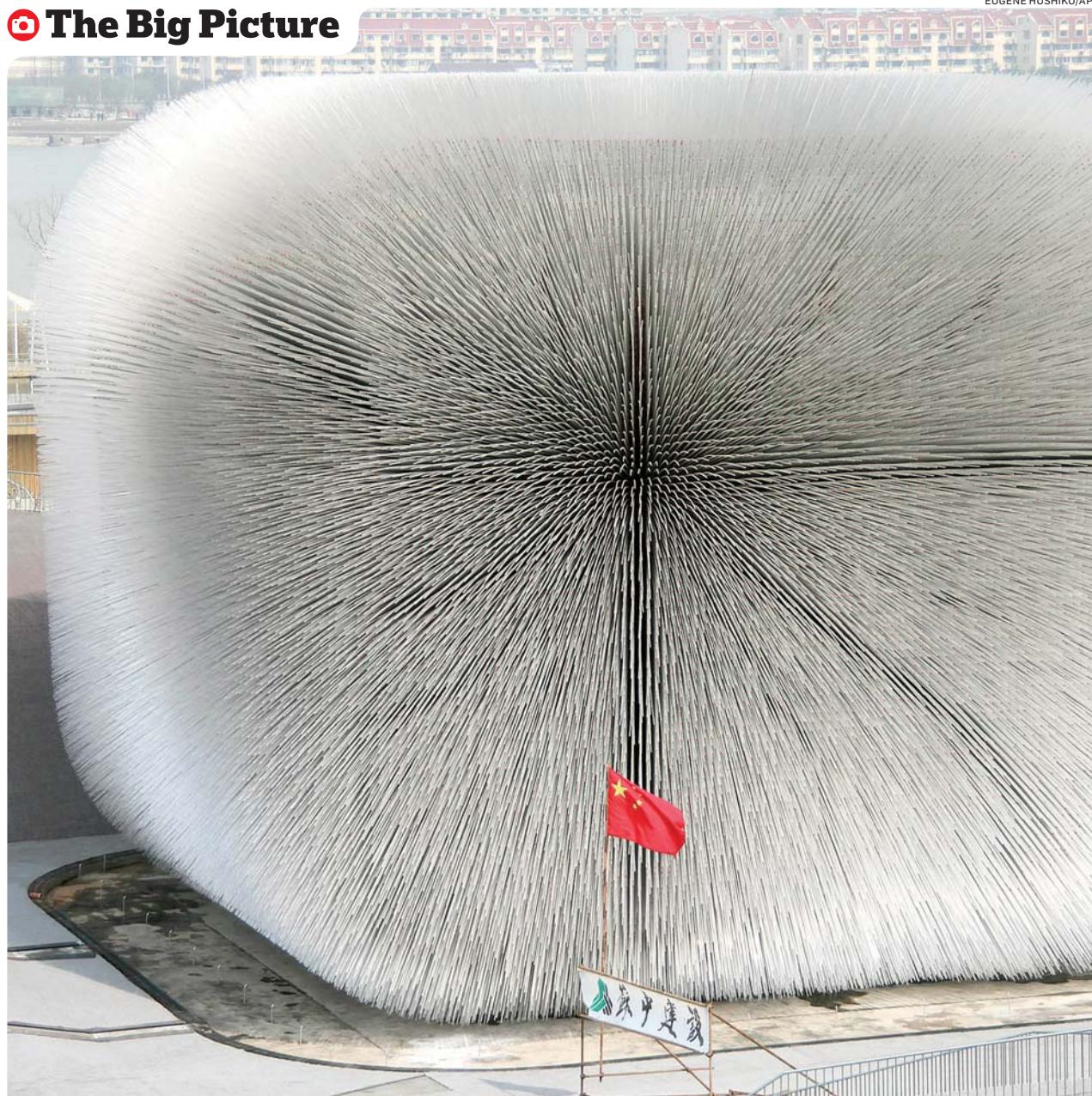
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# President Dares GOP To Go After Health Law

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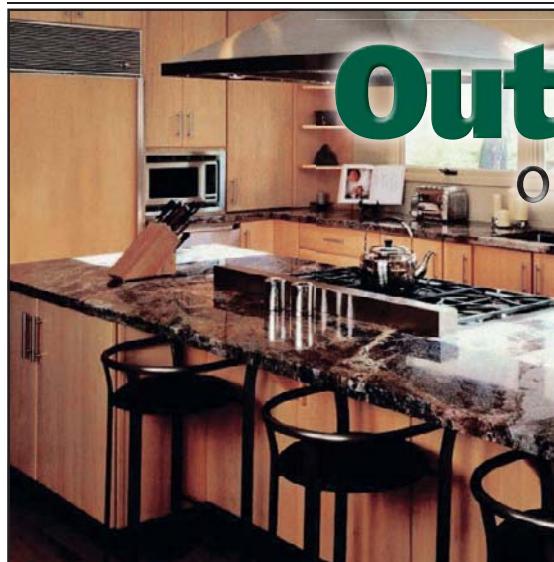
President Obama dared Republicans to try to repeal his new health care law, telling them Thursday to "Go for it" and see how well they

do with voters in November.

"Be my guest," Obama said in the first of many planned appearances to sell the revamp before fall congressional elections. "If they want to have that fight, we can have it. Because I don't believe the American people are going to put the insurance industry back in the driver's seat."

No Republican lawmakers voted for the 10-year, sweeping package that Obama signed Tuesday. Many in the GOP are predicting it will prove devastating in November for the Democrats who voted for it.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said the GOP won't give up "until this bill is repealed and replaced with common-sense ideas." (AP)



# From Congress, a Call for Civility

Leaders condemn harassment for vote on health care bill

## Washington

A fax bearing the image of a noose. Profane voice mails. Bricks thrown, a gas line cut.

Democrats and a few Republicans revealed new details of threats against them Thursday in the aftermath of the passage of the health care overhaul. They uniformly condemned the harassment, but that's where the agreement ended. Democrats said Republicans were slow to condemn the vigilantism, while Republicans said Democrats inspired retaliation.

"By ratcheting up the rhetoric, some will only inflame these situations to dangerous levels," said House Republican Whip Eric Cantor of Virginia. "Enough is enough. It has to stop."

Reports by at least 10 Democrats of harassment this week have been followed by Democratic complaints that GOP leaders were slow to condemn the incidents.



The Monroe County Democratic Committee in Rochester, N.Y., was hit with a brick on Saturday that included a note: "Extremism in Defense of Liberty Is No Vice."

MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE/AP

At least four Democratic offices in New York, Arizona and Kansas were struck, and at least 10 members of Congress have reported threats, including obscenity-laced phone messages and a fax bearing the image of a noose, congressional leaders have said.

This week, hate-filled rants have been showing up in voice mails, e-mail boxes and on fax machines of lawmakers since the

House approved the health care bill 219-212 Sunday night. President Obama signed it into law on Tuesday. A package of fixes to the new law was winding through Congress Thursday on the brink of a two-week recess that begins on Monday.

House Republican leader John Boehner met with Speaker Nancy Pelosi Thursday about the incidents, and both condemned them.

## A Partisan Issue?



House Minority Whip Eric Cantor lashed out at Democrats Thursday for their handling of threats against

members of Congress, accusing them of "dangerously fanning the flames" by blaming the GOP. "I've received threats since I assumed elected office, not only because of my position but also because I'm Jewish," Cantor said. "I've never blamed anyone in this body for that, period." Cantor said Democrats are using the threats "for political gain." (AP)

Pelosi was careful to avoid blaming Republicans directly for inciting the harassment, though she said that words "weigh a ton." Such threats of retaliation "have no place in a civil debate in our country," she said.

Boehner followed moments later. While many are angry about the health care measure, he said, "threats and violence should not be part of a political debate." (AP)



## SCRAMBLES

**More than \$100,000 is missing** in Columbus, Ohio, after a bag of cash fell from an armored car into an intersection, leading several motorists to stop and grab handfuls of bills, police said Thursday. About \$100,000 was picked up by police officers and \$12,000 more was returned by others after the bag hit the pavement, was run over and split open. Police were reviewing surveillance video from nearby stores in an effort to find out who has the missing cash. (AP)

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# Nation

# 'Don't Ask' Policy Eased

Pentagon makes it tougher to discharge gay service members

## Washington

The Pentagon announced Thursday that it will relax enforcement of the "don't ask, don't tell" rules that prevent gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military, a decision that officials described as a temporary step until Congress can take permanent action.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said the military would restrict the kind of evidence that can be used against service members suspected of "homosexual conduct." Investigators will generally ignore anonymous complaints and require accusations made by third parties to be given under oath. High-ranking offi-



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Defense Secretary Robert Gates is relaxing "don't ask, don't tell" rules.

cers will also be required to oversee inquiries and decide whether a discharge is warranted.

Gates said the changes ensure "a greater measure of common sense and common decency."

The Pentagon is moving ahead

# 428

The number of service members who were kicked out of the military last year because of their sexual orientation, according to the Pentagon.

on the assumption that Congress will overturn the ban on gays serving openly, though when or if that will happen is still uncertain.

The issue remains a political hot potato at the Pentagon. Some generals and admirals have argued that it is unwise to make sweeping social changes in the armed forces during two wars.

But few have been willing to openly contradict Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who told the Senate in February that repealing the law was "the right thing to do." CRAIG WHITLOCK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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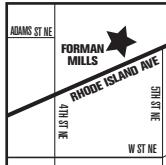
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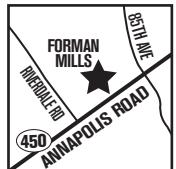
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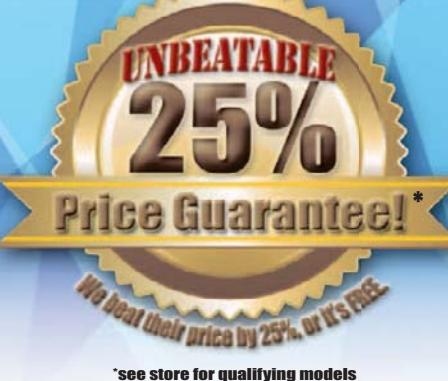
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# Vatican on Defense Over Abuse

Americans say pope overlooked charges against priest in '90s

## Vatican City

The Vatican on Thursday strongly defended its decision not to defrock an American priest accused of molesting about 200 deaf boys in Wisconsin and denounced what it called a campaign to smear Pope Benedict XVI and his aides.

Church and Vatican documents showed that in the mid-1990s, two Wisconsin bishops urged the Vatican office led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — now the pope — to let them hold a church trial against the Rev. Lawrence Murphy. The bishops admitted the trial was coming years after the alleged abuse, but argued that the deaf community in Milwaukee was demanding justice from the church.

An American protester in Rome on Thursday called the Murphy case an “incontrovertible case of pedophilia.”

Despite the extensive and grave allegations against Murphy, Ratzinger’s deputy at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ruled that the alleged molestation had



ALBERTO PIZZOLI/AFLO/GETTY IMAGES

A crowd surrounds Pope Benedict XVI on Thursday. The Vatican said abuse claims were part of a smear campaign against Benedict.

occurred too long ago and that Murphy — then ailing and elderly — should instead repent and be restricted from celebrating Mass outside of his diocese.

The official, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone — now the Vatican’s secretary of state — ordered the church trial halted after Murphy wrote Ratzinger a letter saying he was ill, infirm and “simply want to live out the time that I have left in the

dignity of my priesthood.”

The New York Times broke the story Thursday, adding fuel to a swirling scandal about the way the Vatican in general and Benedict in particular, have handled reports of priests raping children.

On Thursday, a group of Americans who say they were sexually abused by clerics staged a press conference outside St. Peter’s Square in Rome to denounce Benedict’s handling of the case.

Afterward, Italian police detained four Americans for 2 1/2 hours because they didn’t have a permit for the conference.

“We’ve spent more time in the police station than Father Murphy did in his life,” said Peter Isely, the Milwaukee-based director of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests.

NICOLE WINFIELD (AP)

## Royal Visitor



PRINCE CHARLES tries out a mine detector at Camp Shorabak in Afghanistan during an unannounced visit to British troops on Thursday.



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## Experts: Third of Breast Cancer Cases Avoidable

### Barcelona, Spain

Up to a third of breast cancer cases in Western countries could be avoided if women ate less and exercised more, researchers at a conference said Thursday, renewing a sensitive debate about how lifestyle factors affect the disease.

Better treatments, early diagnosis and mammogram screenings have dramatically slowed breast cancer, but experts said the focus should now shift to changing behaviors like diet and physical activity.

“What can be achieved with screening has been achieved. We

can’t do much more,” Carlo La Vecchia, head of epidemiology at the University of Milan, said in an interview. “It’s time to move on to other things.”

La Vecchia spoke Thursday at a European breast cancer conference in Barcelona. He cited figures from the International Agency for Research on Cancer, which estimates that 25 to 30 percent of breast cancer cases could be avoided if women were thinner and exercised more. The agency is part of the World Health Organization.

His comments are in line with recent health advice that lifestyle changes in areas such as smok-

ing, diet, exercise and sun exposure can play a significant role in the risk for several cancers.

Dr. Michelle Holmes of Harvard University, who has studied cancer and lifestyle factors, said people might wrongly think their chances of getting cancer depend more on their genes than their lifestyle.

“The genes have been there for thousands of years, but if cancer rates are changing in a lifetime, that doesn’t have much to do with genes,” she told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Cambridge, Mass.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. (AP)

## In Brief



A U.S. replica of the Cuban slave ship Amistad nears Havana on Thursday.

### HAVANA

## U.S. Ship Visits Havana

A U.S. replica of the 19th-century Cuban slave ship Amistad glided through Havana Bay on Thursday, a reminder of the countries’ intertwined past. It was one of the few times a U.S. ship has called on the island in 51 years of estrangement since Fidel Castro took power. (AP)

### CAIRO

## Bin Laden Issues Threat

Osama bin Laden threatened in a new message released Thursday to kill any Americans al-Qaeda captures if the U.S. executes the self-professed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, Khalid Sheik Mohammed. In the 74-second audiotape aired on Al-Jazeera TV, bin Laden addressed Americans, saying the day the U.S. decides to execute Mohammed “will be the day it has issued a death sentence for any one of you that is taken captive.” (AP)

### BRUSSELS

## Greece Gets Bailout Plan

Heavily indebted Greece won a major pledge of financial support from the other countries that use the euro and the International Monetary Fund on Thursday in a deal that aims to halt a government debt crisis undermining confidence in Europe’s currency union. The joint eurozone and IMF bailout program comes with strict conditions. (AP)

### MEXICO CITY

## 41 Inmates Escape Prison

Mexican police on Thursday were searching for two prison guards and 41 inmates who disappeared after a pre-dawn jailbreak Thursday in the Mexican city of Matamoros across the border from Brownsville, Texas. (AP)

# Local

# D.C. Welcomes Cherry Blossom Festival

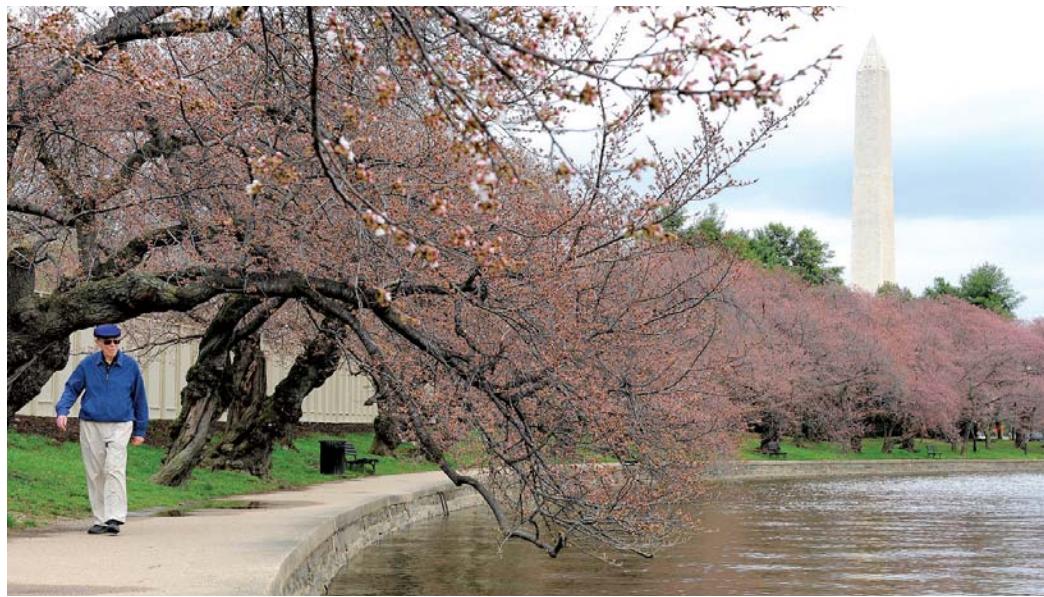
98th anniversary of Tidal Basin trees' arrival starts Saturday

## Washington

The snow is long gone. So is the high water that followed. And with the cherry blossoms about to open, Washington is poised for Saturday's starting of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, marking the 98th anniversary of the arrival of the trees from Japan, in 1912.

The National Park Service Thursday hosted a festival preview on the shore of the Tidal Basin, where officials said that despite an overall drop in tourism in Washington, the two-week festival still is the biggest recurring tourism event for the city and the National Park Service.

The festival, centered on the basin's Japanese cherry trees, runs through April 11. The peak bloom is expected to be April 1 through April 4, with the blooming period from March 28 through April 9.



KATHERINE FREY/TWP

## Best Bets

**March 27:** The 44th Annual Smithsonian Kite Festival will feature handcrafted kites from around the world, and children can design kites. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. National Mall between Constitution Avenue and 17th Street NW.

**March 29:** Bike and Roll's Blossoms by Bike ride is specifically designed to showcase the cherry trees. Noon and 3 p.m. Adults \$32, children 12 and under \$22. 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.

**April 2:** The Southwest Waterfront Musical Prelude to the Fireworks, produced by the Washington Waterfront Association will include live music and feature cuisine from local restaurants. 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Metro: Waterfront-SEU.

**April 9:** The 50th Annual Sakuri Matsuri Japanese Street Festival will feature Japanese food, entertainment, crafts and a marketplace. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

The preview came as the Trust for the National Mall, an official nonprofit Mall partner, announced that it would take over fundraising for maintenance of the cherry trees from the National Park Foundation.

## \$184M

The amount of money the National Cherry Blossom Festival brings to Washington-area businesses, according to The Washington Post.

The trust's supervision of the Cherry Tree Endowment Fund is an increased effort to raise money for the trees and to educate visitors about the need for tree maintenance, the organization said.

"It's just amazing to see the transformation from the snows this year to spring awakening, and the blossoms coming out," said John Piltz, superintendent of the National Park Service's National Mall and Memorial Parks. "Come out from winter ... and enjoy Washington, D.C." MICHAEL E. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# Commission Picks Eisenhower Memorial Design

## Washington

The members of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission on Thursday chose a basic design concept for the proposed Eisenhower memorial at Maryland and Independence avenues between Fourth and Sixth streets SW.

The 12 members of the bipartisan group considered three alter-



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Frank Gehry's firm created this concept for a proposed Eisenhower memorial.

natives by architect Frank Gehry to turn the site into a public square with what will eventually become a National Park Service memorial to the 34th president.

The four-acre site sits adjacent to the Mall, near the National Museum of the American Indian and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building.

PHILIP KENNICOTT (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## The Lotteries

Thursday, March 25

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Mid-day D.C. Five	7-7-6-5-9
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	0-3-4-5-1
Daily 6 (Wed.)	3-15-18-23-29-32 (28)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	6-12-14-32-39 (5)

### Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	7-5-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-2-6
Mid-day Pick 4	4-8-9-6
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-2-1-2
Match 5 (Wed.)	9-16-25-34-38 (13)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	5-7-16-18-28-33

### Multi-State Games

Powerball	14-20-24-39-49 (7)
Power Play	3X

### Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	5-0-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-0-4
Mid-day Pick 4	3-3-1-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-0-3-3
Mid-day Cash 5	4-8-16-24-30
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-9-19-33-34
Win For Life (Wed.)	2-3-6-9-21-41 (39)

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

# No Longer a Pipe Dream

California could soon become the first state to legalize marijuana use by adults

## Sacramento, Calif.

When California voters head to the polls in November, they will decide whether the state will make history again — this time by legalizing the recreational use of marijuana for adults.

The state was the first to legalize medicinal marijuana use, with voters passing it in 1996. Since then, 14 states have followed California's lead, even though marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

"This is a watershed moment in the decades-long struggle to end failed marijuana prohibition in this country," said Stephen Gutwillig, California director for the Drug Policy Alliance. "We really can't overstate the significance of Californians' being the first to have the opportunity to end this public policy disaster."

California is not alone in the push to expand legal use of marijuana. Legislators in Rhode Island, another state hit hard by the economic downturn, are considering a plan to decriminalize possession of an ounce or less by anyone 18 or older.

A proposal to legalize the sale and use of marijuana in Washington state was recently defeated in that state's legislature, though lawmakers there did expand the pool of medical professionals who could prescribe the drug for medicinal use.

And a group in Nevada is pushing an initiative that marks the state's fourth attempt in a decade to legalize the drug.

The California secretary of state's office certified the initiative for the general election ballot on Wednesday after it was determined that supporters of legalization had gathered enough valid signatures.



Lev Goukassian, owner of a medical marijuana shop in Los Angeles, works on his products Wednesday. California was the first state to legalize medical marijuana use.

## White House Opposition

**Legalization of marijuana in California** would represent a sea change in the nation's drug laws and put the state in direct conflict with the federal government because pot is still illegal in the eyes of federal officials. On Thursday, a Department of Justice spokeswoman said it was too soon to speculate about whether federal authorities would sue to keep the measure from becoming law. President Obama's drug czar has said the White House strongly opposes any efforts to legalize pot. "Marijuana legalization ... remains a non-starter in the Obama administration," Gil Kerlikowske, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said last year. "It is not something that the president and I discuss. It isn't even on the agenda."



The initiative would allow those 21 years and older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana, enough to roll dozens of marijuana cigarettes. Residents also could grow their own crop of the plant in gardens measuring up to 25 square feet.

The proposal would ban users from ingesting marijuana in public or smoking it while minors are present. It also would make it illegal to possess the drug on school grounds or drive while under its influence.

Proponents of the measure say legalizing marijuana could save the state \$200 million a year by reducing public safety costs. At the same time, it could generate tax revenue for local governments.

A Field Poll taken in April found a slim majority of California voters supported legalizing and taxing marijuana to help bridge the state budget deficit.

Those who grow and sell it illegally fear legalization would drive down the price and force them to compete against corporate marijuana cultivators.

Other opponents view marijuana as a "gateway drug" that, when used by young people, could lead them to try other, harder drugs. They worry that legalization would persuade more people to try it, worsening the nation's drug culture. CATHY BUSSEWITZ (AP)

**"The legalization of marijuana will be the single most devastating economic event in the long boom-and-bust history of Northern California."**

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## TV Lineup



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski hasn't gotten past the Sweet 16 since 2004.



Santino Quaranta, Chris Pontius and Rodney Wallace are just three of the 14 field players on D.C. United's current roster who are 25 years old or younger.

### ► Friday

**7 P.M.** The Sweet 16 will pared down to eight teams by the end of a night, featuring Ohio State versus Tennessee, Northern Iowa versus Michigan State, Saint Mary's versus Baylor and Purdue versus Duke. CBS

**7 P.M.** The Wizards hope to end their 13-game losing streak when playing the Charlotte Bobcats. CSN

### ► Saturday

**NOON** Tennessee plays Baylor to tip off a full day's worth of action during the women's NCAA tournament. ESPN

**NOON** Area lacrosse teams are in action when Georgetown hosts Duke, followed by Maryland visiting North Carolina. ESPNU

**1 P.M.** The Nats play the Mets in a spring training game. MLB Network

**4 P.M.** For those not into basketball, the NCAA hockey tournament is on as counterprogramming. ESPNU

**4:30 P.M.** The first two Final Four spots will be awarded in the men's Big Dance. CBS

### ► Sunday

**NOON** NASCAR's Sprint Cup turns in to Martinsville, Va. Fox

**NOON** No. 1 UConn battles Iowa State in the women's NCAA tourney. ESPN

**2 P.M.** The final two region finals take place in the men's NCAA tourney. CBS

**3 P.M.** The Caps play the Flames in a matinee. CBS

# The Next Generation

D.C. United counts on youngsters to step up as a new year kicks off

### Major League Soccer

One goalpost in Kansas City changed everything.

When Rodney Wallace's shot deflected out instead of in during the closing seconds of last October's regular-season finale, D.C. United was forced to settle for a draw that marked a turning point for both the club and Major League Soccer.

Those couple inches were enough to give Real Salt Lake the final playoff spot instead of United. RSL took advantage and went on to win a shocking title. D.C., meanwhile, was left with little choice but to overhaul a coaching staff and aging roster that once again failed to meet expectations.

"We didn't qualify for the playoffs

the past two years. So, we want to give the young guys an opportunity to grow and step into big roles," GM Dave Kasper said.

The United team that returns to K.C. for Saturday's season opener will be younger, cheaper and perhaps less pre-

**"Curt sat down with Jaime and said, 'You're a big part of my plans.' I think that's really jump-started him."**

—DAVE KASPER, ON 36-YEAR-OLD JAIME MORENO, WHO SCORED ALL FIVE OF UNITED'S GOALS IN A RECENT EXHIBITION TOURNAMENT.

dictable than last year's 9-8-13 side.

They'll be led by a new coach, former United and U.S. national team assistant Curt Onalfo. He'll be joined on the bench by the retired Ben Olsen—one of several big names no longer in uniform.

Former MVPs Christian Gomez and Luciano Emilio lacked the consistency to justify their salaries and are out of the league. Fred was traded to expansion Philadelphia, and a handful of other players were waived. What's left is a youthful team anchored by captain Jaime Moreno and former MLS goalkeeper of the year Troy Perkins.

Twenty-five-year-old playmaker Santino Quaranta and second-year attacker Chris Pontius will be relied on for offense, along with new Salvadoran midfielder Christian Castillo (25). Dejan Jakovic, also in his second year, will lead the back line along with Wallace, 21, while the club awaits Bryan Namoff's return from injury and the arrival of Spanish league veteran Juan Manuel Pena.

Kasper said the club would wait and see how the new group performs before deciding how to spend the rest of its money: "Summer's the main transfer window. We'll see what needs we have to address at that time." **BRIAN STRAUS**

## Top MLS Story Lines

League and players reached a five-year labor deal on March 21, ensuring the season would kick off on time. The deal offers players more money and relaxes some restrictions on movement, but does not include free agency.



Philadelphia Union becomes the 16th club. Led by former D.C. coach Peter Nowak, it will move into its new stadium later this spring. Portland and Vancouver will join MLS in 2011.

**Red Bull Arena**, a state-of-the-art, 25,100-seat stadium in Harrison, N.J., hosts its first MLS game Saturday when Chicago visits New York.

**MLS will take a break** during the World Cup for the first time, shutting down June 11-25 during the tournament's first round. The U.S. plays England June 12, Slovenia June 18 and Algeria June 23.

# sports

# Backstrom Quietly Reaches Elite Status

Without Ovechkin's fanfare, Caps center proves his worth

## The Capitals

It was a typical day in the Washington Capitals locker room. Alex Ovechkin had just finished practice and upon sitting in front of his locker was swarmed by cameras and microphones. One stall over sat teammate Nicklas Backstrom, hardly noticed while untangling his skate laces.

That shouldn't happen too much longer, though. Currently ranked in the top five in the NHL in points,

assists and plus/minus, the soft-spoken Backstrom shrugged when he was recently asked whether he should be put in the same elite category as Ovechkin and rivals Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

"I don't think about that," said the 22-year-old Swede, who has already set career highs in goals (29) and points (89) this season. "I don't feel like I'm in that group yet."

Don't let the modesty disguise his accomplishments. Backstrom, the fourth-overall pick in the 2006 NHL draft, was immediately thrust into the Capitals' lineup and has proven both durable and prolific. Heading into Sunday's home matinee against Calgary, Backstrom

## Contract Situation

Though General Manager George McPhee doesn't speak publicly about contract negotiations, all indications are that the Capitals have made re-signing Backstrom, a restricted free agent after this season, to a long-term deal a top priority. Making a base salary of \$850,000 this year, Backstrom will be due a substantial raise (probably somewhere in the \$6-\$6.5 million range) now that he's become a member of the NHL's elite. M.G.



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has never missed a game during his career and has improved his production every season.

His sublime passing skills were apparent early, but teammates now marvel at his puck possession and innate feel for the game. And while the Capitals will always be Ovechkin's team, the fact they're 7-2-1 without him this season and have not played a game without Backstrom suggests the center may be the team's most indispensable player. Just don't tell Backstrom that.

"I am a little bit surprised," he said of his ascension this year. "I play with good players; they make it easy for me. I just want to keep it going." MARK GIANNOTTO

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### Wizards' Bad Year Gets Even Worse

Try as they might, the Washington Wizards can't seem to hit rock bottom.

Oh, sure, it seems like they did when Gilbert Arenas decided to play a practical joke on Jarvis Crittenton involving guns.

It was a bleak week when Arenas made a joke out of the whole investigation by pretending to shoot his teammates with his hands during a pre-game introduction, a stunt that sped up his season-ending suspension.

And how about when two of the Big Three—Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison—were shipped off at the trade deadline as part of team President Ernie Grunfeld's admission that the Wizards need to start over?

Yet here we stand, with less than one month left in the season, and Washington has hit a new low.

As if a 13-game losing streak isn't enough, forward Andray Blatche just reminded anyone who still pays attention to the team why his impressive



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Gilbert Arenas will be sentenced Friday.

numbers since Butler and Jamison were traded are meaningless.

Coach Flip Saunders got sick of Blatche's attitude and benched him Tuesday for insubordination. Blatche said he deserved "25 percent" of the blame and was rewarded by receiving his starting spot Wednesday night. The Wiz lost by 17 to woeful Indiana, by the way.

Oh, did we mention Arenas is likely to be sentenced to jail time Friday?

It's the "Curse of Les Boulez," you say? Nope, it's the fate of an awful franchise getting what it deserves.

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## To Each His Own Sanctuary

Local gents put their spin on the 'man cave' with personalized, modern furnishings

### Decor

The term "man cave" conjures chest-pounding imagery of prehistoric bachelor pads. But just as today's man wields a Wii controller instead of a caveman club, so, too, has the Neanderthal's nest gone modern.

"More and more men are vocalizing what they want or where they feel they're lacking space," says Cindy McGlure, owner of Grossmueller's Design Consultants ([Grossmuellers.com](http://Grossmuellers.com)) in D.C. And what men want has also evolved (Goodbye, frat-house "chic"; hello, dapper digs).

"We're beyond the aesthetic of brown leather couches and can-holders, and are designing for men in a really modern, beautiful way," says Jason Claire, a designer and co-owner of 14th Street furniture store and design firm Vastu ([Vastude.com](http://Vastude.com)). "It's a shift in stereotype. You can have cool, comfortable lounge seating and organized shelf systems that are crisp and clean."

Case in point: the Dupont Circle bachelor penthouse of interior designer Patrick Baglino Jr., 41, in which mod masculinity radiates from a subdued color palette heavy on slate grays and whites. Tidy rooms are designed to be multi-

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The hosts of the DIY Network's "Man Caves," Tony Siragusa, left, and Jason Cameron, pose in a man cave. Cameron says a macho space can help a guy express himself.

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## Dens for Dudes

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functional, such as the dining area that doubles as an office; his bedroom can be closed off to mimic a cave-within-a-cave when guests are over. "Everyone needs their own space and quiet," he says.

Of course, suburban kings of the Stone Age still rock their subterranean dens of testosterone, the likes of which you'll see glorified on the DIY Network's "Man Caves" show, in which guy hangouts range from mini-Shea Stadiums to faux Swiss chalets.

"A man cave is a place where a guy can go be himself and enjoy his surroundings," explains handyman host Jason Cameron. "A lot of times, guys have things from their past that aren't accepted elsewhere

in the house, whether it's trophies or a moose head. We just want that one room where we can do what we want, decorate it the way we want — and if we want a Kegerator, we can have it."

Far from just a sign of old-fashioned dominance, home designers say dude decor is an oft-overlooked — but no less essential — way for men to feel truly at home.

"It's their space, not for the wife or kids; a place where they can be young or just be their full selves — they don't have to impress anyone," says Jill Sorensen, founder of McLean, Va.-based Marmalade Interiors (Marmaladeinteriors.com) and soon-to-launch Livelikeyou.com, a new Web-based concept in which she designs rooms to match personality types.



Brad Berkley plays his guitar in the living room of his West End condo, which he is transforming into a modern bachelor pad.

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But for urban guys who live in square-feet-challenged condos, finding space to stretch out and relax — no women, floral prints or coasters allowed — isn't quite so simple.

"The fact is, in D.C., there aren't that many 'caves,'" Claire says. "Instead, we might have to get all the bells and whistles into the living room, without making it look like a 'man cave.'"

When space is tight, men might take over an empty corner — or perhaps a closet, Cameron says, for a pocket of manpower. "There are things you can do to customize a little closet or corner to make it their own," he says. "Open the closet to a dry bar, or that humidor he really likes, or his trophies that have been boxed up."

Since bachelors don't have anyone to crimp their style, transforming one-man digs into gentlemen's quarters makes fewer waves. But that's not to say it's smooth sailing. Chief financial officer Brad Berkley, 37, recently decided his West End condo felt more like a hospital than a homey haven, so he hired Sorensen as a designer.

"At the beginning, I was a little nervous and reluctant to go that route," Berkley says. "But I knew I needed help and wanted a look that was unique."

**"It's more about a comfortable chair, a big TV and dreaming about being a rock star."**

**JILL SORENSEN, FOUNDER OF MARMALADE INTERIORS.**

Sorensen transformed Berkley's white box into a cohesive home, applying a clean style she dubs the "modern bachelor." "It's unbelievable the difference curtains and window treatments can make," Berkley says. "When I come home at night, it's such a warm and inviting place to go."

Sleek furniture and an uncluttered aesthetic rule the pad, but Berkley's den counters as an eclectic guy zone where he can stash electric guitars and mount hunting conquests. "I like the idea of separating the two spaces," he says. "One is a playroom, where things don't have to match up. It's very casual."

While distributing condo space strategically is a good rule for single guys, many would say it's absolutely essential for cohabitating couples. "With a condo, you have to think outside the box," says small-business owner Ellen

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## Haven Hints



1. Channel Don Draper with CB2's retro Acacia minibar (\$399, [Cb2.com](http://Cb2.com)). 2. Prop up a flat-screen TV and hide DVDs with the sleek Plano shelving system (from \$1,730, [Vastu](http://Vastu.com); 1829 14th St. NW). 3. Root for the Redskins from the comfort of the couch with pillows by local artist Sharon A. Keyser-Jackson (\$28 each, [Skcreations.com](http://Skcreations.com)).

## Elements of Man Cave Style

Whether it's a basement hideaway or just a tiny corner of a condo, any section of the home can serve as a place where a guy can express himself.

► **Who:** Bachelors hypnotized by white-walled ennui, cohabitating men who seek a bit of me-time solace from their other half.

► **What:** "I think the best man caves are created from a theme," says Sherry Ways, a principal designer at Design Scheme Interiors ([Designschememeinteriors.com](http://Designschememeinteriors.com)) in Savage, Md. "If his favorite team is the Redskins, then you can create a man cave design surrounding that, including the colors, NFL logos, themed throws, big floor pillows and more. Or if the guy is a musician, create a music theme including photos, motifs of his favorite bands — even a soundstage with acoustical panels throughout for practice."

► **Where:** A basement, garage or carriage house often makes an ideal male hideaway, but makeshift man

caves can thrive in spare bedrooms, nooks or closets.

► **Classic details:** "A good sound system should be installed to have a home theater effect," Ways says. She also suggests adding a minibar or small wine cooler, recessed lighting with a dimmer control and large-scale furniture (look for spill-proof leather, stain-resistant Scotgard or Crypton fabric). But most important, she says, is to ensure there's an unobstructed view of the television.

► **The mod man's accessories:** Vastu designer and co-owner Jason Claire points to the steel-lined Plano shelving system, which mounts to the wall and comes custom built-to-order from Brazil, as an adaptable, elegant setup for holding flat-screen TVs and media equipment. "Wall-mounted shelves are really crisp and clean," Claire says. Vastu also carries Eco-Smart Fire, a new ethanol-burning fireplace technology that attracts guy passersby "like moths to a flame." K.K.

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## Dens for Dudes

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Eanet, 56, who recently moved with her husband, Bruce, from a 4,000-square-foot house in D.C. to a 1,300-square-foot condo in Silver Spring. Among their top priorities: finding a condo with an area where Bruce, 62, could indulge his cigar-smoking hobby.

Instead of a basement lounge, the Eanets opted for a condo with two outdoor patios, one of which is being "tricked out as a Turkish smoking room," Ellen Eanet says, "with outdoor curtains, hanging Turkish lanterns and a teak bench to create a space like you would find in the Kasaba [a village in western Turkey]. The second patio features outdoor speakers connected to an inside TV, "cantilevered so it can be



A subdued color palette and functional-yet-masculine furniture fill the Dupont Circle penthouse of designer Patrick Baglino Jr.

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seen through the patio windows," giving Bruce Eanet a throne to relax in like a king as he watches TV and puffs on his cigars.

Even though men today can pluck from plenty of stylish design choices, nostalgia and comfort often remain the top considerations. "It's certainly not about pretty design," Sorensen says. "It's more about a comfortable chair, a big TV and dreaming about being a rock star." KATIE KNOROVSKY



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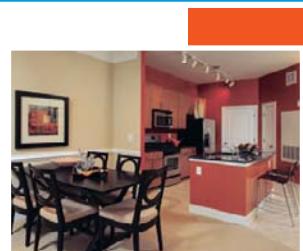
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When Chris Phelan and his wife, Elaine, decided in 2008 to move into a dilapidated historic townhouse in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood, their friends and families balked: "They said, 'You can't be serious!'" Chris Phelan recalls. That wasn't surprising,

given that the Riverfront, once a maritime and shipbuilding hub, has in recent years been known for its crime and vacant lots — or simply not known at all. But the Phelans had a vision: "We saw a lot of potential — and we still do," says Chris Phelan, 32.

Planners and investors are busily promoting this optimism, as are the Riverfront's growing number of residents, who have grown from just a few hundred several years ago to more than 2,700 today. The Riverfront, or "the Front" —

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The dome of the U.S. Capitol—just blocks from the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood—is visible from Capitol Hill Tower condos.

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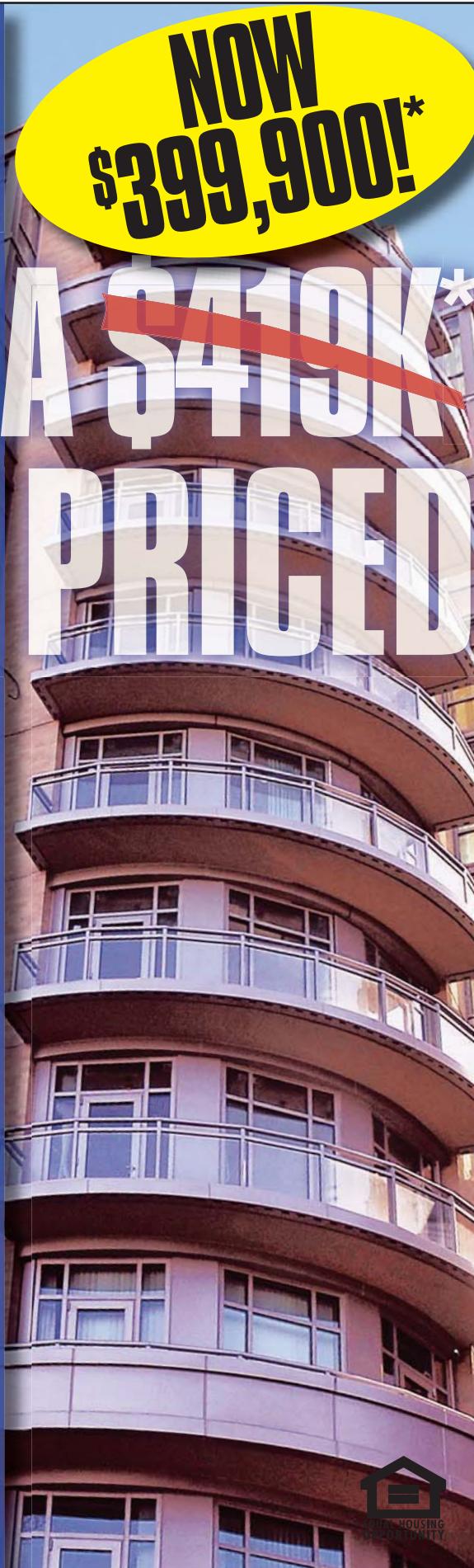
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### Neighborhood Notes



The Navy Yard is the closest Metrorail station to the Capitol Riverfront area.

### A Riverfront Amid Revival

► **Location:** Capitol Riverfront encompasses about 500 acres between the U.S. Capitol and the Anacostia River. The Front shares its northern border with Capitol Hill and is located just blocks from the Barracks Row entertainment and dining district.

► **Transportation:** Capitol Riverfront is served by Metrorail's Green Line at the Navy Yard station and is within walking distance of the Blue and Orange lines at the Capitol South and Eastern Market stations. A Circulator bus route runs every 10 minutes and connects the Front to Union Station, Eastern Market and the U.S. Capitol. A water taxi operates between Diamond Teague Park and Piers, Alexandria and National Harbor.

► **Groceries:** **Corneropia Market and Deli** (1000 Third St. SE; 202-525-1653) sells wine and beer, deli sandwiches, and a selection of upscale and organic items. There are also three major grocery stores within two miles of the neighborhood, and the U.S. Department of Transportation (with support from the BID) holds a **Farmers Market** on Tuesdays between May and November at Third and M streets SE.

► **Fitness/Recreation:** Walk, cycle or jog along the riverfront or the nearby National Mall. Kayaks and canoes are available to rent at **Diamond Teague Park and Piers**. The truly adventurous can swing from a trapeze at the **Trapeze School New York** (corner of Fourth and Tingey streets SE). Parks include the 5.5-acre **Waterfront Park at the Yards**, on the banks of the



Nationals fans relax at the Bullpen after a baseball game last summer.

Anacostia, which is scheduled to open later this year. And a 3-acre site for **Canal Park**, which will ultimately house an ice rink in the winter but is already the site of the BID's annual Outdoor Movie Series, is slated for further development later this year.

► **Dining and Bars:** For non-franchise restaurants, just walk a few blocks to **Barracks Row** (Eighth St. SE). In a few weeks, locals and Nats fans can dine at **Justin's Café** (intersection of First and L streets SE).

► **Entertainment:** Take yourself out to a ball game at **Nationals Park** at the intersection of First and L streets SE, which also hosts outdoor concerts. Before the game, fans can grab a beer and a hotdog at the outdoor **Bullpen** on Half Street. As the weather gets warmer, the BID also hosts its annual **Outdoor Summer Movies** on Thursday nights at Tingey Plaza behind the Department of Transportation. Find more information about this and other neighborhood events online at [Capitolriverfront.org](http://Capitolriverfront.org). c.m.

## Front and Center

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as promoters and investors like to call it — is already home to a mixed-use community of 35,000 daytime employees, including workers at the U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters, the Navy and a number of private companies.

The fact that the neighborhood is only just emerging as a real estate hot spot is remarkable given its geographic centrality — just five blocks from the U.S. Capitol and around the corner from Barracks Row on Capitol Hill.

Of course, the Front's visibility increased dramatically when baseball arrived there in 2008. For many Washingtonians, this once-unknown area is now synonymous



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From left: Molly Seiders, Michael Coffey and Daryl Jackson play pool in a common area in the Capitol Hill Tower building.

with Nationals Stadium, a fact not lost on the locals, many of whom are self-described baseball junkies. But according to Michael Stevens, the executive director of the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District, the stadium was just "gasoline on the fire" of 15 years of strategic economic positioning by the BID and the local government.

"The river was always the main attraction," says Stevens, who envisions the Front becoming an entertainment destination where Washingtonians and tourists will walk, cycle, canoe and relax along the untapped miles of the Anacostia riverfront. This will be one of the largest riverfront redevelopments in the nation, Stevens thinks.

For the Phelans, both Hill staff-

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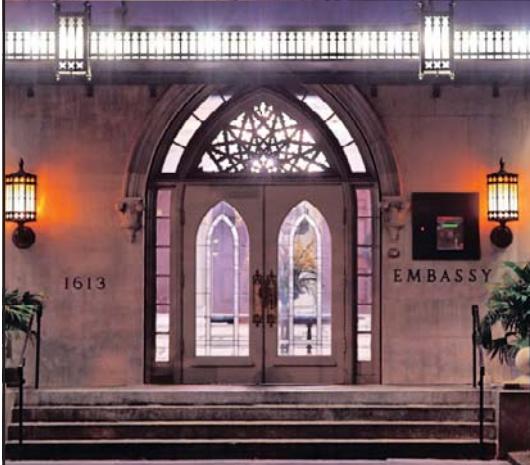


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ers, a short walk to work was certainly a big draw, but the riverfront was what really hooked them. "There are not many locations like this in D.C. The river gives the Front something extra — no one else can boast this," Chris Phelan says.

Still, Capitol Riverfront is a "new" neighborhood, says Jacqueline Dupree, who has been documenting the Front's dramatic transformation over the past decade on her popular blog Jdland.com (she also works for the Washington Post, which is owned by the same parent company as Express). "It's a neighborhood that's still just coming off the drawing board, with a long way to go, and many amenities are just not here yet. But the

residents are enthusiastic about its future and have moved here with a belief that the good stuff will be coming," Dupree says.

Like in any developing real estate market, the recession took its toll. But for the Capitol Riverfront BID, "the goal is to keep moving various projects forward while positioning the Front for the next wave of development opportunities," Stevens says. For Chris Phelan and other residents, the slowdown in development is not too worrisome. "We are encouraged each time we walk by a new crane or bulldozer," Chris Phelan says.

The neighborhood itself lacks many basic amenities right now, though there are three supermarkets within 2 miles, a handful of carryouts and a corner deli called Cornercopia (1000 Third

St. SE). But "the folks who publicize the area like to say that, when it's built out, it'll be the size of a midsized American downtown," Dupree says.

Once completed, about 60 percent of the area will have been demol-

**"Everyone walks here, and the walking is so enjoyable — free of sirens and crowds."**

— TIM BOLDEN, CAPITOL RIVERFRONT RESIDENT

ished and rebuilt with new retail, residential, office, hotel and park space, according to the BID. Such developments include Half Street, a block



Daryl Jackson says community spirit is strong among residents at Capitol Hill Tower.

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just north of Nationals Park that's slated to host restaurants and retail; and the Yards, 44 acres of office, residential and retail spaces, including renovations of a number of World War I-era buildings. These projects are slated to be developed over the next 10 to 20 years.

While they wait, Dupree says, residents and office workers in the Front appreciate the neighborhood's proximity to downtown D.C. and to Capitol Hill.

"Why did I chose this area when I was house-hunting a year ago? Location, location, location. My condo looks out at the Jefferson Memorial and the dome of the U.S. Capitol building," says Tim Bolden, who is renting an apartment in the Onyx building (1100 First St. SE; [Onyxapts.com](http://Onyxapts.com)). A

40-something from Atlanta who once commuted 38 miles each day, Bolden now walks just half a mile to his job on the Hill. "When I moved here, everyone said I had to live on the Red Line, but I just fell in love with the Front. I have 295 and 395 at my fingertips, and the Navy Yard Metro is right out my back door. And it takes me 10 minutes in heavy traffic to get to Verizon Center."

The time Bolden saves by not commuting he spends exploring the city. "Until we get our own stores, restaurants and markets, we are in a great position because we are just walking distance to Barracks Row, which has every service you could ever need," says Bolden.

Residents are abuzz about the planned restaurant and bar Jus-



views from its rooftop pool.

"To the right is the U.S. Capitol building and to your left is the Anacostia River," Johnston says. An acoustic engineer worked to ensure that the units are exceptionally soundproof, says Johnston, who has "no doubt that as the area builds out, the value of the condos in the Front will skyrocket."

For Bolden, the fact that the Front is not fully developed is a bonus. "This neighborhood is central D.C. but without the hustle and bustle of D.C. If I choose to, I can retreat into my now-quiet apartment in my quiet community."

And the drug dealing and violent crime that once ruled the neighborhood's streets? Gone, says Chris Phalen, whose neighbor has lived in the Front for about 40 years and can attest to its trans-

formation.

"I think it is super-safe here," says Bolden. "With the Department of Transportation down the street and the Capitol around the corner, we have just about everyone patrolling us, including Homeland Security," he adds. "Everyone walks here, and the walking is so enjoyable — free of sirens and crowds."

Proximity to the green expanses of the National Mall is a plus for Jackson, who is excited for the spring, when he can resume riding his bike or walking up to the Mall on weekends. "The Front reminds me of Battery Park City in New York City: a retreat from the craziness of urban living but also so close to everything. It's like its own little city within a larger city." CATRIN MORRIS

Capitol Hill Tower resident Sally Smith takes her dog, Franklin, out for a walk.

tin's Café, slated to open two blocks north of the ballpark in the Velocity condo building (1025 First St. SE; Velocitycapitol.com) in April, which will give the residents their first real watering hole. Owner Justin Ross, formerly of Austin Grill and Chef Geoff's, will serve wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches and salads, with both dine-in and carry-out options. Ross also hopes to host daily happy hours.

For now, residents are hunkering down on their little slice of the frontier. The residents share a sense that they are early settlers on a new, unfamiliar patch of Washington real estate. This mentality has evolved into an infectious spirit of community. Says Bolden: "My neighbors are my friends. We call ourselves urban explorers. And we stick together."

Nothing brought the residents together like February's record-breaking snowstorms, when neighbors made slow cookers of soup and shared them in community rooms throughout the region's residential buildings. Onyx residents recently established a Tuesday Night Super Club, which takes place after sunset on the building's impressive rooftop pool deck.

Top-notch buildings and amenities drew in Daryl Jackson, who

owns a condo in Capitol Hill Tower (1000 New Jersey Ave. SE; Capitollhilltower.com), which boasts a large indoor pool and spa, and a Ken Smith-designed landscaped courtyard. "The sense of community is palpable," Jackson says.

"We have a lot of get-togethers within our building but also with other buildings in the area. Everyone is extremely neighborly and friendly. It's a great atmosphere." The Tower,

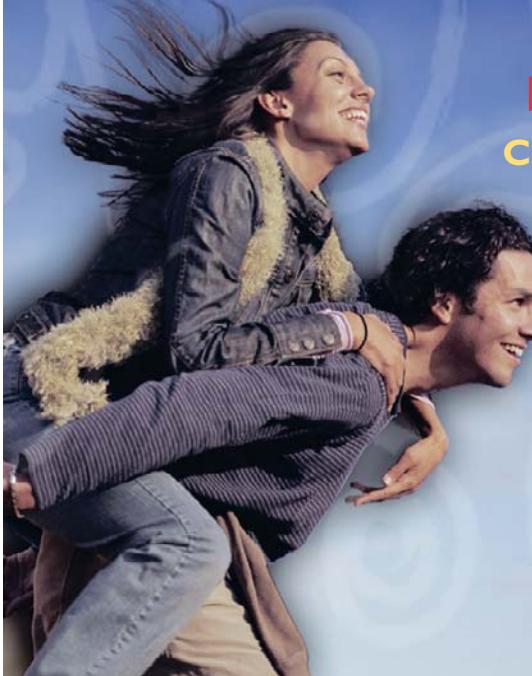
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which offers studios from the low-\$200s up to three-bedrooms from the low-\$500s, is more than just a cluster of condos to Jackson; it is a "real community," he says.

Prospective buyers can also consider the Velocity building, which has sold 40 percent of its 200 condos, and ranges in price from the high-\$200s to the high-\$600s. Vicki Johnston, a Realtor who handles sales for the building, says a main appeal of Velocity is the 360-degree

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# Tackle Grime The Green Way

### expert opinion

Got big plans to spring-clean your pad, now that cherry blossom season is finally around the corner?

Before you break out your rubber gloves, Adrienne Spahr,



Spahr

the founder and principal consultant of D.C.-based Green Living Consulting (Greenlivingconsulting.com), wants you to think about how that monumental "clean" might not be so gentle on the environment if you're using chemical-heavy products.

Don't get too excited — that doesn't give you a pass to skip scrubbing your bathroom. But by making smart choices when it

comes to cleaning techniques and products, you can help keep both yourself and the planet healthy.

"One of the major things that I like to point out is that green cleaning is definitely partly about doing something good for the environment," says Spahr, who helps businesses and households adopt sustainable practices.

"But it's even more about doing things that are good for people. There are so many toxic chemicals in common household cleaning products, and people have no idea of the negative effects the chemicals can have on them." Those effects include skin and eye irritation, allergic reactions and even asthma attacks.

So, what's a neat freak — or that guy you know who cleans his apartment just once a year, for that matter — supposed to do? Spahr gave us five tips for tackling messes with some Earth-friendly TLC.

**1 Look in your pantry:** "You can clean your kitchen very effectively most often with things you already have in your cupboards, like baking soda, vinegar and lemon juice," says Spahr. "These natural substances are effective at cleaning all surfaces. Baking soda works great on stainless-steel sinks; a vinegar solution with water can act as an all-purpose cleaner." Don't feel like mixing your own concoctions? Spahr recommends the aptly named products from Better Life (Cleanhappens.com), such as **What-EVER! all-purpose cleaner**, shown right (\$6.99 at Drugstore.com) and **Even the Kitchen Sink scrub** (\$6.99 at Drugstore.com). You can also pick up the goods at local **Whole Foods** and **Ace Hardware** (Acehardwaredc.com) locations.



**2 Breathe easier in the bathroom:** "The same products you use in the kitchen can be used in the bathroom," says Spahr. "But if you prefer a toilet bowl-specific cleaner, there are a number of green products on the market. My favorite is **Mrs. Meyer's Toilet Bowl Cleaner** (\$4.99 at MrsMeyers.com)." You can find it locally at **Greater Goods** (1626 U St. NW; 202-449-6070; Greatergoods.com). If you have glass shower doors, Spahr recommends using a squeegee to remove excess water. To combat mold, coat the doors with a mixture of tea tree oil and water.





**3** **Make over your mop:** Cut down on water use by investing in a mopping system that doesn't require much H2O. Spahr likes **Better Life's floor-cleaning solution** (\$7.29 at Drugstore.com), which you can spray directly onto the floor and then mop up without any additional water. Another one of her must-haves is **Method's mop** with a removable **microfiber pad**, shown above (\$30 for mop system, \$6 for additional pads; Methodhome.com) that you can toss in the washing machine after each use. It's a better alternative to a traditional sponge mop, says Spahr, since sponges can be a breeding ground for bacteria. Find Method products locally at **Bed Bath & Beyond** and **Target**.

**4** **Handle your delicates delicately:** Less can definitely be more when it comes to laundry detergents. Spahr recommends avoiding products that contain perfumes and chemicals such as alkyl phenoxy ethanol and diethanolamine, which can irritate the skin and could cause long-term health problems. "My rule of thumb is that if something is listed that I can't pronounce, I don't buy it," she says. Products certified as "green" by an independent third party are good bets. **Shout Nature's Source Laundry Stain Remover**, shown left (Naturesourcecleaners.com), **Ultra Purex Natural Elements** detergents (Purex.com) and **Method Laundry Detergent** have all received the Environmental Protection Agency's Design for the Environment (DfE) seal of approval.



**5** **Toss the paper towels:** "The most eco-friendly way to clean is to use cloths, old T-shirts, cut-up old towels—anything that you can wash and reuse again," Spahr says. "This will not only cut down on waste but also save you money from stocking up on paper towels." Practice sustainability in style with the colorful selection of **MÜkitchen's** biodegradable **bamboo dish towels** (\$7.99 each) at **Hill's Kitchen** (713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997; Hillskitchen.com). **Twist's reusable Bamboo Cloths**, shown above (\$3.50 each), sold at **Greater Goods**, are ideal for polishing and dusting. **BETH LUBERECKI**

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# Leonsis Agrees to Price for Wizards, Arena

Caps owner, Pollin estate clear major hurdle for purchase

## Big Business

Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis and the estate of sports entrepreneur Abe Pollin have reached an agreement on a price for Leonsis to purchase the Washington Wizards and Verizon Center, overcoming the single biggest obstacle in his path to take ownership, according to several sources familiar with the negotiations.

The entire value of the team and arena is pegged at about \$550 million, according to sources, though



JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASH. POST

leagues, and an arena that hosts everything from presidents to rock bands to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

The sources cautioned that the deal could still fall apart if the sides fail to reach agreements on other, non-financial issues such as the operations of the arena in the period before Leonsis takes control. But reaching a price was critical to clearing the way for Leonsis' eventual ownership, sources said.

"The parties are negotiating those in good faith," said one high-level negotiator for the Pollin side, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "I certainly hope we will cross the finish line. But no guarantees."

THOMAS HEATH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Ted Leonsis took a step closer to owning the Wizards by reaching a price agreement.

the exact cost to Leonsis' group is far less than that because it already owns 44 percent.

If the agreement is finalized, it would make Leonsis one of the

most powerful figures in Washington business and sports. He would have control over a mid-Atlantic sports and entertainment empire spanning three professional sports

## REJECTIONS



**St. John's** won't get its first choice for a new basketball coach. Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt confirmed Thursday he has turned down an offer from St. John's. When St. John's fired Norm Roberts last week, speculation immediately centered on Hewitt, a native New Yorker who's led the Yellow Jackets to five NCAA tournament appearances in 10 years, including the 2004 Final Four. (AP)

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## Jamie Oliver

CELEBRITY CHEF, HEALTHY-FOOD CHAMPION

**Cheeky, charming** Brit chef Jamie Oliver first won hearts (and stomachs) a decade ago with his BBC show, "The Naked Chef." Since then, he's harnessed his popularity to help promote healthy eating in his native U.K. Oliver brings his cause Stateside in the new ABC show "Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution" (Fri., 9 p.m.), in which he tackles the bad habits of locals in Huntington, W.Va., recently named the unhealthiest city in America by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A two-hour premiere tonight at 8 p.m. kicks off his crusade.

**You've made great strides transforming healthy eating in the U.K. Why tackle the U.S.?**

I've been working here for 10 years, and America's always been good to me. Whether people admit it or

not, lots of countries follow where America goes, so it seemed like bloody good use of my time.

**Did you face opposition to starting a food revolution in the U.S.?**

We tried for about five years, to no avail. No one was really interested. But in the last 12 months, everything's changed.

**Why?**

Look, let's be really honest about it. I've been on the ass-end of the Food Network for the last seven years — a fairly unimportant talent, although they liked me and thought I was interesting. And then, all of a sudden, I get a prime-time ABC show in the "Desperate Housewives" slot. There's a reason for that. People finally think that something radical needs to happen.

Despite that, you weren't welcomed in Huntington with open arms.

The best work I've ever done has always been uncomfortable. And I had uncomfortable days there, but there are lots of parts of America that would've been way worse. It's not supposed to be easy — if it was, everyone would be doing it.

**"When working with young kids, I generally have to dress up like a raving idiot."**

In the show's opener, you're dressed as a giant pea pod. Do you have a wardrobe of food costumes?

Unfortunately for me, especially when working with young kids, I generally have to dress up like a raving idiot. In England, I performed as a corn on the cob, and the ironic thing was that none of the kids knew what it was, because they didn't know their veggies. So, I just looked like a strange alien. And, unfortunately, it was a Velcro outfit, and it started to unpeel as I was dancing around. So, I ended up doing a moonie to a bunch of 5- and 6-year-olds and their parents. They weren't very pleased!

**You were spotted in D.C. a few weeks ago. Any plans to return?**

I'm, hopefully, due back in the next six weeks. We're doing an online petition to support change at Jamie-oliver.com/petition, and we'd like to get that up to a million people. I want to be there to formally deliver it to Capitol Hill.

**BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)**

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### Event Horizon | Budding Chefs

Cherry blossoms will be decorating the city for the next few weeks; now, they can spruce up dinner plates, too. Chef Cliff Wharton of mod Asian eatery Ten Penh shows how to serve up a four-course, cherry-fueled menu, including wine and sake pairings. Sat., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Ten Penh, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-393-4500. \$75 per person.

# goods lookout



## Breakout Star 1

**AT OUR ADVANCED AGE**, pimples should be long behind us. However, thanks to Mother Nature's delightful sense of humor, we find ourselves with the occasional monster blemish — usually right in the middle of our face, right before a very important occasion. Our grown-up approach isn't to lay in the Clearasil, though. It's to dab on La Roche-Posay's Effaclar AI Intensive Acne Spot Treatment (\$29, [Laroche-posay.us](http://Laroche-posay.us)), which combines benzoyl peroxide and salicylic acid to quickly zap zits. If only we'd had it during puberty.

## Shagadelic Carpet

**YELLOW EAMES ROCKER** scored on Craigslist, check. Low-slung, mid-century sofa borrowed from

Uncle Don, done. The final piece in the puzzle of your retro pad is likely a rug, and it's also

the last item anybody needs to score vintage. (Circa-1964 martini stains — eww!) FLOR's new Yeah,

Baby carpet tiles (from \$159 for six, [Flor.com](http://Flor.com)) bring serious groove to your lair, whether they're stuck underneath a sleek, white Saarinen table or placed alongside that water bed we can't believe you actually consider cool.

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## Grab Bag

## Mr. Spice Guy

**HOT YOUNG CHEF** Joshua Linton cooked under José Andrés at Jaleo, consulted on the menus at Georgetown's Neyla and now helms Aja Steak and Aja in Chicago. His Joshua Tree spice blends (\$5.75-\$12.85 per vial; [Joshuatreespicestudio.com](http://Joshuatreespicestudio.com)) bottle his flavor-forward cucina style in forms such as Smoked Brazilian Sea Salt (try it on fries) and Hickory Smoked Clove-Bergamot Orange Powder (great in baked goods).

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## Makeover Madness

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## Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

**Every year on Easter Sunday, my family gets dressed up in new clothes and goes to church, followed by dinner at my parents'. This year I've chosen a yellow shift. Can you recommend shoes? — TRISHA**

**Why, just the few weeks** ago, we were in the midst of the twin disasters of the Snowmageddon and the Snowpocalypse, and now, look! There are signs of spring in the District of Columbia: the cherry trees are in bloom, and the Congress people have emerged from their burrows and are



strutting about the city in their seasonal finery, trailed by their motley flocks of stooges and toadies.

For the Manolo, the peak of the season arrives Easter Sunday, when the Manolo puts on his best suit and finest straw boater, picks up his bamboo walking stick, and strolls uptown, cheerfully greeting his neighbors and friends along the way. Eventually, he will reach the park, where he will sniff all the flowers, pet all the dogs, shake all the hands and pat all the children on their heads. Such are the small but meaningful pleasures of spring.

Here the lime sandals from Moschino (\$317, [Zappos.com](http://Zappos.com)) that would be perfect for your Easter brunch.

 Ask the Manolo a question at [manolo@shoeblogs.com](mailto:manolo@shoeblogs.com). Visit the Manolo at [shoeblogs.com](http://shoeblogs.com).



## Gown and Country

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**IN ENGLAND**, warm, sunny weather tends to be rarer than being knighted by Queen Elizabeth. That might explain the it's-always-better-on-holiday exuberance of Uttam London's flirty, fair-weather dresses. Designed-in-the-U.K., made-in-India frocks that just arrived at Carmel (1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930), include a bead-trimmed floral sundress (shown, \$125), a plunging halter-neck style in a brown and green vine print (\$75), and a sweet, mint-colored eyelet number that seems destined for upcoming trips to Bethany or Brighton.

## About the Cover

OXANA wears an embellished sweatshirt by Gryphon (\$220, Cusp, 3030 M St. NW; 202-625-0898). Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair/makeup: Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

# lookout fashion

# GYM DANDIFIED

**The natural habitat** of thick, gray jersey used to be running trails and dorm room sofas. But thanks to designers such as fleece-loving dress sculptor Norma Kamali and indie darling Alexander Wang (who reinvented work-it-out wear as party-worthy dresses and pants this season), the charcoal cotton now punches up pieces better suited to a K Street club than kick-boxing class. "It feels a little like cheating," says Marlene Hu Aldaba, who's stocked her Georgetown boutique, Hu's Wear, with sports-inspired knits by Isabel Marant. "You get all the comfort and relaxed feel of sweats, but in a sophisticated form."

BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)  
PHOTOS BY MARGE ELY (EXPRESS)



## LEADING EDGE

A swingy vest toughens up, thanks to shoulders trimmed with silvery studs. Aiko vest (\$198) and Vince dress (\$210, both Neiman Marcus, Mazza Gallerie, 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-966-9700), with Calvin Klein sandals (\$128, Bloomingdale's, 5300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase; 240-744-3700)



## ATHLETIC STAR

Balance a pretty floral sundress with a cheeky (and chill-chasing) cover-up. Parameter print dress (\$158, Ginger, 7114 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; 301-664-9242) and Norma Kamali athletic bat-wing cardigan (\$18, Walmart.com)

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## WINNING PICK

Textured jersey goes upscale in a sleekly draped day dress. **Rebecca Taylor dress (\$275)** and **Lily Posh chain and pearl necklace (\$140, both Cusp)**



## GOOD SPORT

Comfy cotton lends a tailored twist to a classic blazer. **Blazer (\$59.50, Gap stores)**, **Diane von Furstenberg blouse (\$245)** and **pencil skirt (\$185, both Bloomingdale's)** and **Dolce Vita pumps (\$165, Cusp)**

## TOP SCORE

Swap a trad blouse for a shrunken, short-sleeved sweatshirt. **Alternative Apparel the Gym Rat eco-fleece crew (\$17, Alternativeapparel.com)**, **Marc by Marc Jacobs skirt (\$328)** and **Elizabeth & James gold wedges (\$270, both Cusp, 3030 M St. NW; 202-625-0898)**

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## The Reelist



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### Fallen Heroes

I spent a good chunk of my senior year in college with director Atom Egoyan. (Not literally.) After seeing 1997's "The Sweet Hereafter" on a date (because what says romance like kids killed in a school bus accident?), I completed an independent study of his works. The year after I graduated,

I taught an Egoyan course in Chicago.

So, when I got to see "Chloe," Egoyan's latest, I was pretty tickled. And then... the movie was pretty good.

Julianne Moore is excellent. Amanda Seyfried, above, is, too. The style and all the formal elements I spent late nights analyzing were still there. I'd like to think I would have spotted Egoyan's fingerprints if I hadn't known it was one of his films. But I was all set to fall in love again, and... I didn't.

That's the unfair part of being a fan. I feel the latest thing from my favorite band/author/actor/whatever has to be the best, and that's not often the case. College me, who spends Tuesday nights cruising in an Accord, smoking clove cigarettes and drinking 7-Eleven coffee, wants everything Egoyan does to punch her in the stomach the way "The Sweet Hereafter" did.

I can't give an objective opinion when it comes to "Chloe," but it's not the film's fault. When something (or someone) gets so deep into your consciousness that judging it means judging your younger self, it's hard to turn that critical eye inward.



Craig Robinson, Rob Corddry, John Cusack and Duke Clark star as an unsuspecting crew who find themselves in the age of leg warmers and Rubik's Cubes we call the '80s.

# Cusack to the Future

The '80s icon returns to his glory decade in the brilliant 'Hot Tub Time Machine'

### Film Review

The raunchy, guy-centric comedy "Hot Tub Time Machine" makes a vertiginously high-concept bid to be this year's version of "The Hangover," and darned if it doesn't succeed. In fact, this so-stupid-it's-brilliant comedy in many ways exceeds "The Hangover," which for all its explosive humor contained its share of dead zones. "Hot Tub Time Machine" simmers right along like so many Jacuzzi bubbles popping with a carefully calibrated mix of sight gags, sex jokes and baby boomer references (including a funny subplot involving Crispin Glover).

If you've seen the trailer — heck, if you've read the title — you pret-

ty much know everything there is to know about "Hot Tub Time Machine." John Cusack, Rob Corddry and Craig Robinson star as estranged best buds who go on a ski trip and wind up athwart of the time-space continuum. (Cusack's character's nephew, played by Clark Duke, goes along for the ride.) It's the kind of impossibly ludicrous, crassly commercial cinematic product that could have been pitched in a studio elevator ("It's 'Old School' meets 'Back to the Future'!").

But thanks to a pretty good script and crisp directing by way of Steve Pink — who collaborated with Cusack on the terrific "High Fidelity" and "Grosse Pointe Blank" — the whole series of shambolic set pieces somehow works, between the cringe-worthy sight gags (ah, the joys of a catheter run amok!) and the '80s nostalgia (ah, the joys of leg warmers, Ronald Reagan, hair bands and mobile phones the size

### Hot Tub Time Machine

- **Time:** 93 minutes
- **Director:** Steve Pink
- **Stars:** John Cusack, Craig Robinson, Rob Corddry and Clark Duke
- **In a Nutshell:** Four dudes are innocently hanging out in a hot tub, having a few drinks, when suddenly they're whisked back to the '80s for a wonderfully juvenile adventure.
- **For Fans of:** "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," "The Hangover"

of loaves of bread!).

What really makes "Hot Tub Time Machine" work are the performances, with Cusack — generously winking at his own iconic power in the era he's lampooning — providing the necessary gravitational pull on Corddry's manic, borderline-pathological stunts (Corddry might inherit Jim Carrey's mantle as the crown dark prince

of physical comedy). Robinson, who has proved to be such a reliable secret weapon in Judd Apatow comedies and "The Office," gets to tuck into the movie's tastiest scenes, which include a burning rendition of "Jesse's Girl" and saying the words "Hot Tub Time Machine" directly into the camera.

Newcomer Duke, playing the same nerdy, baby-faced character that made Michael Cera and Jay Baruchel semi-stars, acquits himself with exceptional dignity and assurance. The only wrong note belongs to Chevy Chase as a mysterious handyman, who wanders through the movie like a punch line looking for a setup.

"Hot Tub Time Machine" is one of those movies that on paper makes you despair of the state of contemporary cinema; on screen, though, it's proof that execution is everything. ANN HORNADAY  
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# Growing Pains of the Grown

Ben Stiller nails his role as a stunted adult in 'Greenberg'

## Film Review

A delicate, if slightly smoggy, feeling of regret hangs over "Greenberg," a quietly funny portrait of grown-ups growing up by Noah Baumbach. Reprising the dramatic skills he evinced in 1998's "Permanent Midnight," Ben Stiller plays Roger Greenberg, a 40-year-old Brooklyn carpenter who has come to Los Angeles to house-sit for his wealthy brother. While trying to reconnect with friends he

once knew in L.A., he befriends his brother's assistant, Florence (Greta Gerwig), a 25-year-old who might have her life ahead of her, but for now exists in the same provisional, painfully self-conscious not-quite-there-ness as Greenberg himself.

Baumbach wrote "Greenberg" with Jennifer Jason Leigh, who plays an old flame of Greenberg's and who herself grew up in L.A., which probably accounts for why every scene plays out with funny, sometimes agonizing knowingness. The film unfolds over a few weeks, during which Roger tries to build a doghouse for his brother's German shepherd, Florence has a



Ben Stiller plays Roger Greenberg, a carpenter looking for his place in life.

singing gig at a local club and sundry other surprises — welcome and not — transpire.

The movie has the easy, unforced feel of the temporary time-out in life that Roger himself has embarked on, and the script is full of funny, observant lines.

For all its humor, though, "Greenberg" is much more than an accumulation of one-liners. Roger finally faces the very crisis he's so carefully lived his life to avoid, at which point viewers may be surprised how much they care about him. Stiller inhabits his character's neuroses so thoroughly that it's easy to forget what a challenge it is to make such misanthropy the least bit compelling. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



## TV Beat

## Politics & Shows

Kate Gosselin, "Cake Boss" and now **Sarah Palin**. Discovery Communications has finished its deal with the former Alaska governor for her reality show, which will air on TLC. Eight episodes of "Sarah Palin's Alaska" have been ordered, with a price tag of just under \$1 million per episode. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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on the book more for atmospherics than story. With star Matt Damon, Greengrass has crafted a jangly, noisy, compulsively restless thriller on a par with the "Bourne" movies, shot through with political critique. (AH)

**REPO MEN** (R, 111 minutes) Could a world actually exist in which artificial organs bought on credit could be repossessed from their delinquent containers by Taser-

wielding corporate ninjas? That director Miguel Sapochnik can even ask the question makes for a thriller with requisite plausibility and the proper quotient of paranoia. Jude Law plays Remy, the top repo man for the Union, a monolithic multinational-cum-government that urges transplants onto ailing customers and then tracks them down when they don't make their payments. But when Remy

has a heart attack, he gets a transplant he can't pay for, and the hunter becomes the hunted. **JOHN ANDERSON**

**SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE** (R, 104 minutes) This crass comedy is the story of Kirk (Jay Baruchel) and Molly (Alice Eve). He's a schlubby airport security screener without a college degree, and she's a gorgeous lawyer-turned-party planner. Like Seth Rogen in "Knocked Up," Baruchel

is no troll, but he's hardly a heartthrob. Molly, by comparison, is a "hard 10." This leads Kirk to undergo neurotic levels of insecurity (not funny), public ridicule (slightly funny) and, of course, sexual performance anxiety. (MO)

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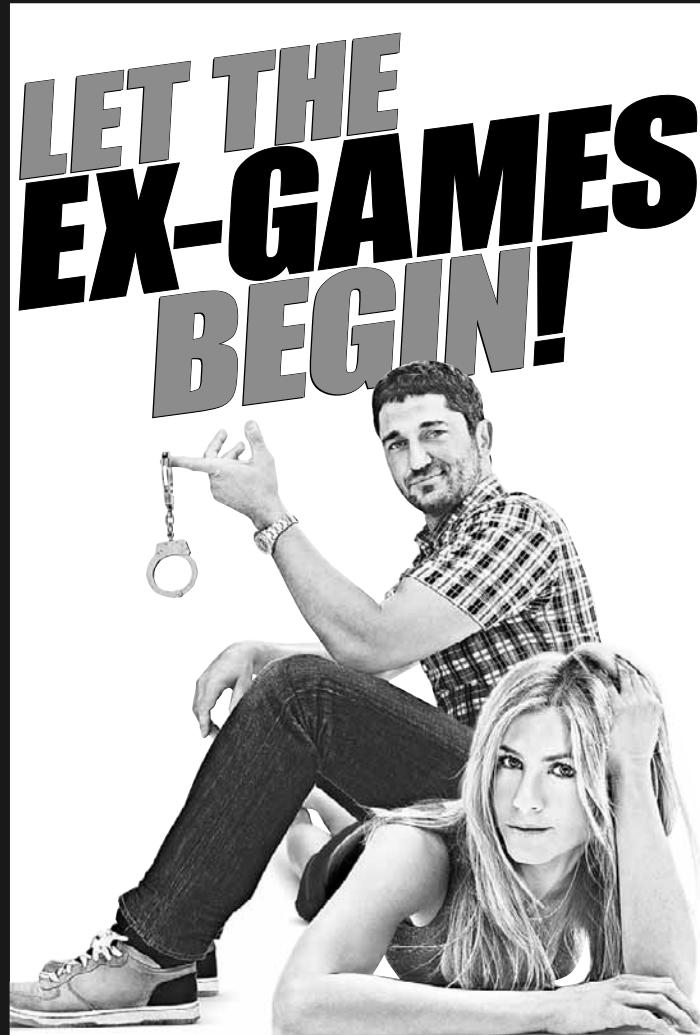
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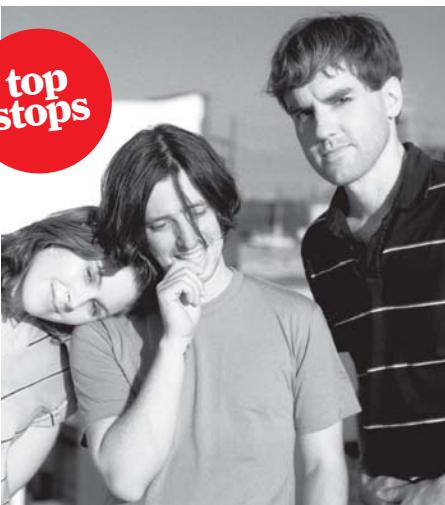
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## 1 The Rest Is Noise

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Glasgow — what, guys, was "Hell Just Froze Over" taken? — is a band unafraid of the label "shoegaze," a band whose melodies take awhile to emerge from the noise blanket of gentle techno surrounding them. It's cool; they're worth waiting for. The band plays at DC9 Sunday night. **DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; Sun., 8:30 p.m., \$10; 202-483-5000. (U St.-Cardozo)**

## 2 Just a Little Taste

The controversy over the legality of sampling is the next big crisis of the music world — the last one was Internet downloading. You can find out all about it in "Copyright Criminals," a documentary film that talks to both the samplers and the sampled. After a screening at the Historical Society of Washington, there will be an audience discussion about the dilemmas posed by this trend. **Historical Society of Washington, 801 K St. NW; Sat., 2 p.m., free; 202-383-1850. (Mount Vernon Square)**



## 3 That Funky Music

Angelique Kidjo's music melds Afropop, jazz, Caribbean music and God knows what else.

We don't really care what it is, because it rocks.

Unfortunately, you don't see a lot of people dancing at the Lisner Auditorium. But, hey, it's always time to start the revolution, right? **Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., \$15-\$45; 202-994-6800. (Foggy Bottom)**

## local movie times

### Washington DC

#### Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema [www.landmarktheatres.com](http://www.landmarktheatres.com)

THE ROOM (R) 12:00 Midnight  
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) (12:45, 3:45) 6:45, 9:45  
MOTHER (R) (12:30, 3:30) 6:30, 9:30  
THE EXPLODING GIRL (NR) (1:30, 3:30, 5:30) 7:30, 10:00  
GREENBERG (R) (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40, 12:00  
A PROPHET (R) (1:30, 4:45) 8:00, 11:15  
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THE HURT LOCKER (R) (12:50)  
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) (1:45, 3:50, 5:00) 7:00, 8:15, 10:15

#### The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre [www.theavalon.org](http://www.theavalon.org)

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN (NR) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00  
THE YELLOW HANDKERCHIEF (PG-13) 1:00, 6:00

AJAMI (NR) 3:15, 8:15

#### AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown [www.amctheatres.com](http://www.amctheatres.com)

GREEN ZONE (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

#### AMC Theaters

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 10:00, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, IN DIGITAL 3-D

HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 10:05, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

REPO MEN (R) 7:40, 10:10

11:50, 2:20, 5:10

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 10:10, 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20

THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 12:00, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 8:15, 10:40

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 11:10, 1:10, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:40

#### AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Georgetown [www.amctheatres.com](http://www.amctheatres.com)

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 9:45, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30

IN DIGITAL 3-D

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REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 10:25, 1:45

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 9:50, 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35

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SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:25, 10:25

#### Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium [www.regmovies.com](http://www.regmovies.com)

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG-13)

CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13)

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:35, 12:00

HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) (11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00) 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30, 12:15

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BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) (11:35) 10:40

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (1:00)

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SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 3:45, 6:50, 9:55

### Virginia

#### Old Town Theatre

Alexandria

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#### Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Arlington

[www.arlingtondraffhouse.com](http://www.arlingtondraffhouse.com)

SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 7:00 P.M.

#### Regal Potomac Yards

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# TV weekend lookout

## Best Bets

FRI  
8:00

**Who Do You Think You Are?** (NBC) Actor Matthew Broderick looks into his family history and inadvertently helps historians solve a mystery. He also learns more about his grandparents' lives.

FRI  
9:00

**Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution** (ABC) Chef Jamie Oliver arrives in Huntington, W.Va., a city with scary rates of obesity, heart disease and diabetes. Oliver wants to begin a change in consciousness in Huntington's citizens and offer them healthy alternatives to junk food.

SUN  
9:00

**Desperate Housewives** (ABC) Gaby tries to prove that she is a responsible parent after her dubious reputation threatens to derail Juanita's party. Katherine and Susan come to blows. Also, a new handyman offends Lynette by constantly deferring to Tom.

SUN  
10:00

**Breaking Bad** (AMC) Still reeling from his face-off with Skyler, Walt (Bryan Cranston, right) gets some pithy advice from Saul Goodman. Jesse tries to reach out to his parents but gets a chilly reception from his dad. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



THE CELEBRITY APPRENTICE

## Miniseries



## Open Wounds

In part three of "The Pacific" (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.), Leckie and Basilone (Jon Seda, above) and thousands of their comrades are physically and mentally debilitated after their four-month ordeal on Guadalcanal. When they land in Melbourne, they are greeted by adoring crowds. While his buddies carouse, Leckie becomes deeply attached to an Australian woman, and Basilone is awarded the Medal of Honor. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

## Woe Is Technology

SUN  
9:00

(NBC) In this new episode of "The Celebrity Apprentice," the celebrities (such as Sharon Osbourne and Cyndi Lauper, above) are asked to create a four-page advertorial for a new product from Norton 360 and LifeLock. The men are hindered by a technologically incompetent teammate, while the frazzled women's project manager is exhausted. Also, this week's firing is preceded by a surprising turn of events. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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# lookout online

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### Thursday's Results

DO YOU THINK CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR IS A GOOD CHOICE TO HOST ABC'S 'THIS WEEK'?

53% 47%

— YES — NO —

**"No doubt** Christiane Amanpour is an excellent TV journalist. I'm uncertain how conversant she is in domestic politics."

COMMENTER DIOGENES

**"She has a proven** track record of being able to explain complex issues and being unbiased."

COMMENTER JJH

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## Blog Log



**"You'd think Urban [Meyer]'s blood pressure was at critical levels or something. Geez. Take it easy, coach. It's not worth dying over!"**

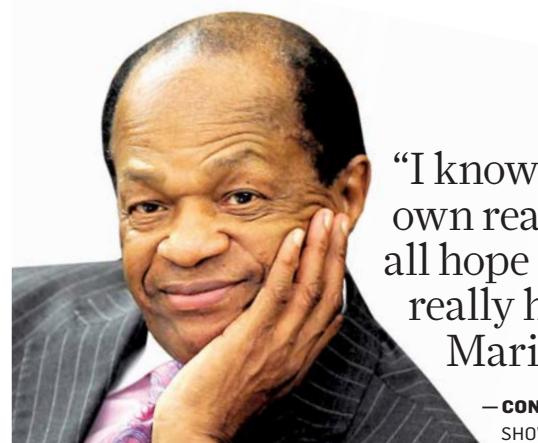
— [HERLOYALSONS.COM](http://HERLOYALSONS.COM)

WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S FOOTBALL COACH CHASTISING AN ORLANDO SENTINEL REPORTER ABOUT A STORY, AFTER MEYER'S STRESS-RELATED HEALTH CONDITION NEARLY LED HIM TO LEAVE HIS JOB IN DECEMBER.



**"[George W.] Bush tries to play it off as if it were a friendly pat, but there appears to be some definite wipage happening here."**

— [ASYLUM.CO.UK](http://ASYLUM.CO.UK) REACTS TO VIDEO FOOTAGE OF BUSH AND FELLOW FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON IN HAITI ON A HUMANITARIAN TRIP.



**"I know I broke the story about Barry filming his own reality show, but I was kind of hoping against all hope (and common decency) that it wouldn't really happen. Clearly, I don't know jack about Marion Barry."**

— [CONGRESSHEIGHTSONTHERISE.COM](http://CONGRESSHEIGHTSONTHERISE.COM) IS SADDENED AFTER SEEING CLIPS OF THE POTENTIAL SHOW'S FOOTAGE ON YOUTUBE.

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# puzzles lookout

## Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Give instructions clearly — without being bossy. You are in a position to provide others with some unspoken support, too.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You can turn a routine project into something special. What you say and what you do can prove inspiring to others.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Don't fall back on the same old excuses and rationale. Step forward, and state your case in a manner that commands respect.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) A game of make-believe will provide you with an unusual but valuable insight into a situation that is only now coming to light.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You can do something very big in small ways; it's all a matter of priorities — and of doing things in the right order at the right times.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your understanding of a complex situation can come in handy for others, but you must also work to solve your own problems.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't ignore the cries of your own soul. Focus on what you need and why. Inner rhythms are shifting in a dramatic fashion.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're likely to react strongly to those things you see in others that you recognize in yourself. A new kinship may be forged.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There's no need to push ahead faster than you are prepared for, as you can cover the same ground with smaller steps, surely.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A competition is likely to heat up between you and one who's ultimate motives are not unlike your own. Be ready to challenge yourself.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Accuracy is the key to success; don't let your work become sloppy in any way. Others are looking to you as an example.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) You're not about to let someone else do something without trying it yourself. You want to prove that you can compete with the best.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 155-165, BEST SCORE 212



1st Letter  
Triple



Double  
Word Score



### Yesterday's Solution

C <sub>3</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	RACK 1 = 59
S <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	V <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	RACK 2 = 80
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							TOTAL 211 PAR SCORE 140-150

### FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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DIFFICULT



### Yesterday's Solution

2	4	7	1	6	8	9	5	3
5	1	9	2	3	4	7	8	6
3	8	6	7	5	9	4	1	2
9	6	8	3	4	7	1	2	5
1	3	2	5	9	6	8	4	7
4	7	5	8	1	2	6	3	9
6	9	3	4	2	1	5	7	8
7	2	4	6	8	5	3	9	1
8	5	1	9	7	3	2	6	4

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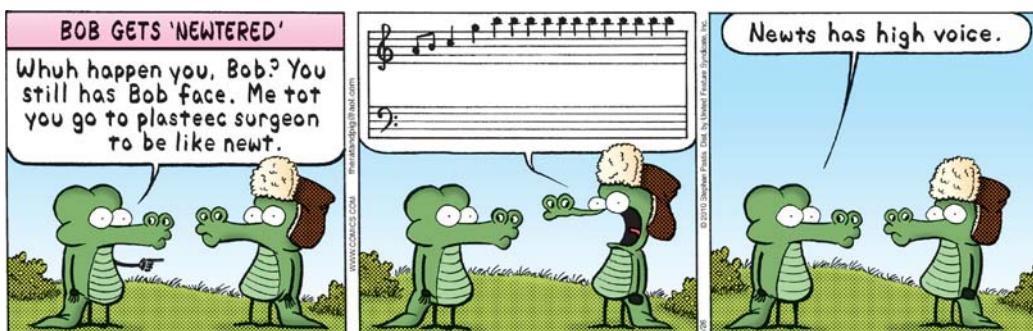
## Comics

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## Forecast



54 | 32

**Today:** Breezy and cooler today with rain. Winds subsiding and colder tonight.



52 | 40

**Tomorrow:** Plenty of sunshine, but cool tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.



58 | 47 57 | 35 57 | 42

### Looking Ahead



SUN

MON

TUE

**Sun and Moon**

Sunrise today: 7:03 a.m.  
Sunset today: 7:26 p.m.  
Record high: 84  
Moonrise today: 3:42 p.m.  
Normal low: 40  
Moonset today: 4:44 a.m.  
Record low: 19

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# lookout puzzles

## Crossword

## SHOPPING SPREE

**ACROSS**

1 Impudent  
5 Coptic bishops  
10 "\_\_\_ Wonderful Life"  
14 Indian maid  
15 Boxer's measurement  
16 Thirty-day mo.  
17 Music to a bargain hunter's ears  
19 Huron neighbor  
20 Yale student  
21 Fighting force  
22 "It's finished!"  
24 Whistle blower, in basketball  
25 "Can't Help Lovin' \_\_\_ Man" (Kern/Hammerstein song)  
26 Peacock's pride  
28 Phonograph needles (var.)  
30 It might come in handy for a standee  
32 Writing implement  
33 Sad ending?  
35 Brooding mother  
36 Give an expensive coat to?  
37 Car dealer's

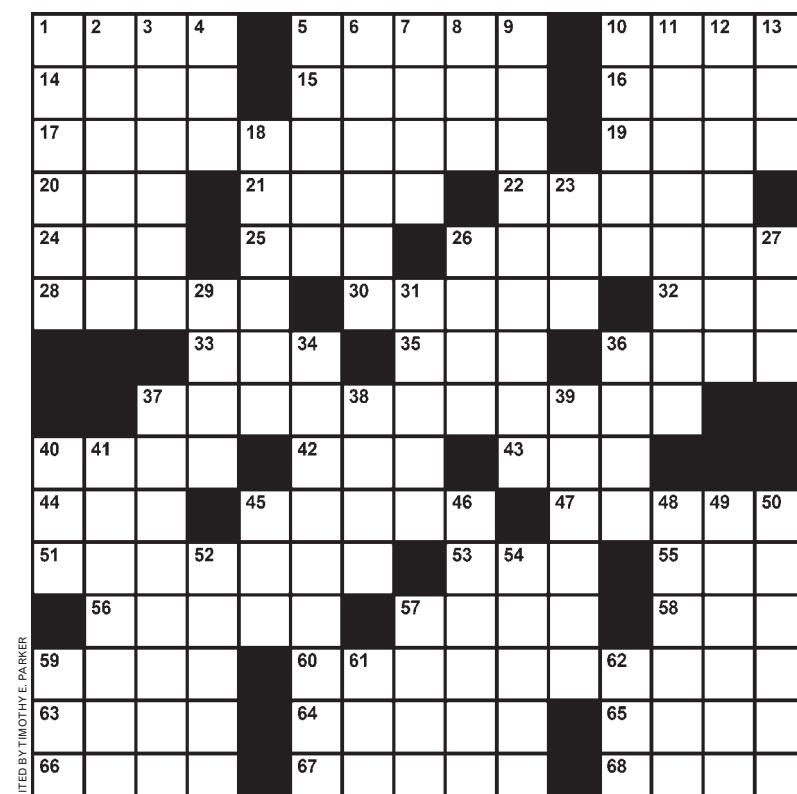
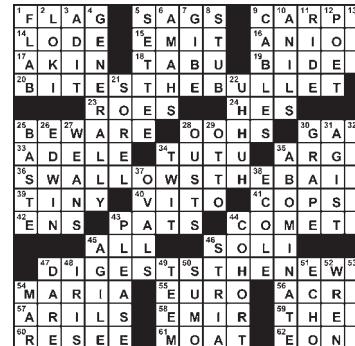
come-on  
40 Bard's black  
42 Center court object  
43 Engage in espionage  
44 Dipsomaniac  
45 Fancy violin, for short  
47 Drive-thru sign  
51 Medical test control substance  
53 Organ with a drum  
55 Sally Field film, "Norma \_\_\_"  
56 Ignore a Commandment  
57 Cornrows alternative  
58 Be in a different form?  
59 Like India paper  
60 Commercial reference  
63 Flue accumulation  
64 Nigerian currency  
65 What hearts do, in romance novels  
66 Needles partner  
67 Group of students

68 Florida isles  
**DOWN**  
1 Beepers  
2 Shoelace hole  
3 Confirm with a vote, e.g.  
4 Despite, briefly  
5 Gladiators' fight site  
6 Suits  
7 One of TV's Maverick brothers  
8 Top fighter pilot  
9 Some ponies  
10 "Sorry if \_\_\_ a little harsh..."  
11 Diamondback reptile  
12 Its first catalog was mailed out in 1905  
13 Dined  
18 Bare existence?  
23 March syllable  
26 Flies, to spiders  
27 Book's last word  
29 Detroit football player  
31 Eighth letter of the Greek alphabet  
34 Highest peak in

the Alps  
36 English actress Nell  
37 Marginal reference  
38 Infamous Rome fiddler  
39 Coordinated gene cluster  
40 Telepathic gift  
41 Moscow theater company  
45 The Honeydrippers' "\_\_\_ of Love"  
46 Postpones

48 Seance phenomenon  
49 Coarse, as a sense of humor  
50 "Speed" actor  
52 Piggy bank filler  
54 Smoking and nonsmoking, e.g.  
57 Nepal's continent  
59 Cook's meas.  
61 Erie Canal mule  
62 Yellow-ribbon tree, in song

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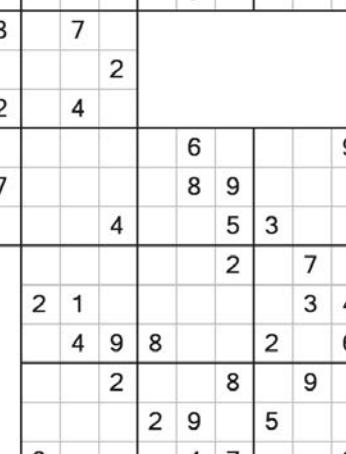
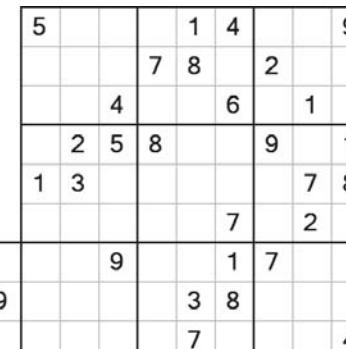


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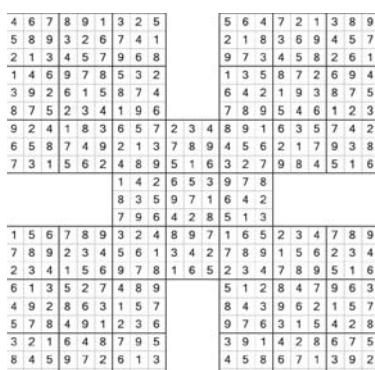
## Samurai Sudoku

### DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



### Last Week's Solution



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## Today in History

**1885** The Eastman Dry Plate and Film Co. of Rochester, N.Y., the forerunner of Eastman Kodak, manufactures the first commercial motion picture film.

**1953** American Dr. Jonas E. Salk announces a new vaccine to immunize against polio.

**1997** The bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who committed suicide are found inside a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

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## OPINION

**So, It's OK to Have A Lot of Kids Only If You're Scorchingly Hot?**

Babble.com has announced its list of Best and Most Controversial Celebrity moms. Not a lot of surprises here, unless you're shocked that Michelle Obama beat Angelina Jolie for first, even though Angelina has far more children. Most Controversial: Nadya "Octomom" Suleman, with Kate Gosselin in second. (EXPRESS)



# Don't let your dog or cat become an "octomom"

ALWAYS SPAY OR NEUTER



PETA

## FLASHES IN PANS

**We Were Hoping to Not See Him Until a 2050 'Where Are They Now?'**

The Washington State Patrol says sixth-season "American Idol" sensation Sanjaya Malakar was caught speeding 110 mph outside of Seattle. He was stopped about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday and given a \$411 ticket. As there was no one else on the freeway at the time, Malakar does not face a reckless endangerment charge. (AP)



SHEA WALSH/AP

We don't need to Wikipedia him to know "he has several projects in the works."

**Dirtbag Digest****Wipe That Grin Off Your Face!**

A fourth woman has come forward claiming to be a mistress of Jesse James', Usmagazine.com reported. "The relationship just ended recently after the scandal broke," said the woman's lawyer, Gloria Allred. A third woman came forth Thursday, too: Brigitte Daguerre, who claims to have nearly 200 incriminating texts from James. (EXPRESS)

## FERTILITY

**Really Mixed Signal**

Nadya "Octomom" Suleman has accepted an offer from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals: \$5,000 to put a sign in her front yard proclaiming, "Don't Let Your Dog or Cat Become an 'Octomom.' Always Spay or Neuter." As an added incentive, the animal rights organization said Wednesday it would throw in a month's supply of veggie burgers and veggie hot dogs for Suleman and her 14 children. Meanwhile, reps deny that Suleman has any interest in a job offer from porn company Vivid Entertainment. (AP)

**"If I were Elin ... man, I would have hit a lot more than she did. ... I would have kept hitting!"**



— A SANDRA BULLOCK QUOTE THAT E! DREDGED UP FROM SOME FOOTAGE SHOT EARLIER IN THE YEAR, WHEN RUMORS SUGGESTED THAT ELIN NORDEGREN ATTACKED TIGER WOODS WITH A GOLF CLUB.



It's unknown when Prince was deified, but it was before all this tax business.

## NO WORRIES

**Ethereal Beings Now Qualify for Tax Amnesty**

Prince looks like a pauper in a list of delinquent taxpayers in Minnesota. Carver County tax records show the musician's PRN Music Corp. owes more than \$227,000 for 2009 taxes to the state and other government bodies. County records list several other properties under his full name, Prince R. Nelson, as delinquent. A county taxpayer services manager estimates PRN Music and Prince's other properties owe about \$450,000. (AP)

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